

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Truty et al. : Wang, Liang-che A.  
Serial No.: 10/626,183 : Group Art Unit: 2153  
Filing Date: July 24, 2003 :  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM : IBM Corporation  
FOR MERGING TOPICALLY : Intellectual Property Law  
RELATED E-MAIL IN A : 11400 Burnet Road  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed on December 31, 2007, the above-identified Application has been carefully reviewed before payment of the Issue Fee. This is a request that the following amendment be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.